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1. At the end of June 1950 an infantry regiment, believed to be the 23 Infantry Regiment, arrived in the Delvine region from the north.*

2. The base of the Border Guard Battalion located at Sopik (R. 90-68) (sic) is to be transferred to Delvine with headquarters situated in a recently repaired building at the outskirts of the city on the road to Sarande.

3. The Delvine Infantry Regiment (sic - 23 Regiment?) and the artillery units in the Delvine region are engaged in constructing fortifications.

4. Fortifications located north of Lum . i Bistrices are being improved in accordance with instructions from the Soviets (sic), and temporary defenses in that area are being replaced by permanent fortifications.

5. Machine gun, artillery and mortar positions are being constructed to replace older fortifications in the following regions: R. 34-78, R. 36-80, R. 39-83 and R. 41-83 (sic). Communications trenches in these areas are being covered with tree trunks and branches.

6. At the end of July 1950, 2 large motorships arrived at Sarande with 10,000 sacks of cement from the Shkoder cement factory. Similar shipments are expected in the near future.

7. The first cars drove on the newly-completed road from Dermish to Dhivri on 10 August 1950. Construction of this road, which was under the supervision of engineers Koci Andoni (a Northern Epirot) and Hafi Shehuor Seiko (a Cham from Filiates), is expected to extend as far as Theollogo before the end of the year. Two labor brigades from Peqin, where they had been working on the Peqin-Elbasan railroad, were brought to work on this extension.

* [redacted] Comment: Presumably from Kavaje. 50X1-HUM

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